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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 101-110. A complete listing of claims pending in the application following entry of this Amendment are presented as follows:

1-74. (Cancelled)

75. (Previously Presented) A timepiece configured to be worn on a wrist of a wearer, the timepiece comprising:

a case that includes a timing element; and

a band extending from at least one side of the case, the band having a first link and an adjacent second link, the first link being joined to the second link, and the first link including:

a first extension element defining a connecting channel and a separate joining channel, each of the connecting channel and the joining channel extending entirely through the first extension element, and the first extension element having a outward-facing surface and an opposite wrist-facing surface, the wrist-facing surface being positioned to face the wrist,

a first cover member positioned adjacent the outward-facing surface of the first extension element, the first cover member extending over a portion of the first extension element that has the connecting channel, and the first cover member having a pair of side portions that extend toward the wrist-facing surface of the first extension element, the side portions defining apertures aligned with the connecting channel and positioned adjacent ends of the connecting channel,

a connecting springbar extending through the first connecting channel and interfacing with the apertures to connect the first extension element to the first cover member, and

a joining springbar extending through the joining channel to join the first link to the second link,

wherein the second link is substantially identical to the first link and has a second extension element and a second cover member, the second cover member extending over a portion of the